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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents, including any copending patent applications, are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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corresponding application citing these documents and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed. The relevance of Europaisches Arzneibuch, pp. 136-139, (1997) is discussed on page 2, first paragraph of the specification. The relevance of DE 29 42 129 A1 is discussed on page 3, lines 16-28 of the specification.

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